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SUBJECT: NEW YORK TIMES SUMMARY MAY 22

BIG WATERGATE HEADLINES RETURNED TO PAGE ONE OF THE NEW YORK  
TIMES MAY 22 WITH A THREE COLUMN LEAD WHICH READ: " CIA  
MEMO SAID TO QUOTE HALDEMAN ON NIXON ' WISH' TO HALT FBI  
FUND STUDY" IN A COMPLEX NEW DEVELOPMENT. A REPORT SAYING  
THAT MCCORD THREATENED TO " BRING THE HOUSE DOWN" IF THE CIA  
WERE BLAMED FOR THE BUGGING OPERATION, AND ARCHIBALD COX' S  
PLEDGE OF A THOROUGH INQUIRY WERE UNDERNEATH. THE SKY-  
ROCKETING PRICE OF GOLD IN EUROPEAN MONEY MARKETS WAS ALSO  
PROMINENTLY PLAYED. EDITORIALY, THE TIMES SOUGHT TO  
THREAD ITS WAY THROUGH THE RIGHTS OF VARIOUS WATERGATE  
INVESTIGATORY BODIES AND AGAIN CALLED INTO QUESTION THE  
TIMELINESS OF THE BREZHNEV VISIT.

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MAJOR DEVELOPMENTS AS REPORTED BY THE PAPER WERE:

(1) FORMER PRESIDENTIAL CHIEF OF STAFF HALDEMAN REPORTEDLY TOLD GENERAL WALTERS OF THE CIA LAST JUNE THAT " IT IS THE PRESIDENT' S WISH" THAT THE OFFICIAL HALT THE THEN DEVELOPING WATERGATE CASE. THE DISCLOSURE WAS MADE BY SENATOR SYMINGTON.

(2) JAMES MCCORD WARNED FORMER WHITE HOUSE AID JOHN CAULFIELD LAST DECEMBER, SHORTLY BEFORE THE WATERGATE TRIAL, THAT HE WOULD " BRING THE HOUSE DOWN" IF THE ADMINISTRATION ATTEMPTED TO DEPICT THE CAMPAIGN SPY OPERATION AS CIA- IN-SPIRED.

(3) ARCHIBALD COX TOLD THE SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE THAT HE COULD NOT " BE INTIMIDATED BY ANYBODY" AND WOULD PURSUE HIS INVESTIGATION INTO THE OVAL OFFICE OF THE WHITE HOUSE SHOULD THE TRAIL TAKE HIM THERE.

(4) MITCHELL AND MAURICE STANS PLEADED NOT GUILTY TO FEDERAL GRAND JURY CHARGES OF PERJURY AND CONSPIRACY TO DEFRAUD THE UNITED STATES AND OBSTRUCT JUSTICE. THEY ARE ACCUSED OF HAVING INTERVENED ON BEHALF OF ROBERT VESCO IN HIS TROUBLE WITH THE SEC.

(5) WORRIES ABOUT THE IMPACT OF WATERGATE KNOCKED THE DOLLAR DOWN AND PUSHED THE PRICE OF GOLD UP BY \$6.50 AN OUNCE TO A NEW CLOSING HIGH ON THE MONEY EXCHANGES OF EUROPE.

THE LEAD EDITORIAL IN THE TIMES SAID THAT SOME PEOPLE ARE WORRIED THAT THE SENATE WATERGATE HEARINGS MAY INHIBIT ACTIVE PROSECUTION OF SOME OF THE KEY CONSPIRATORS AND MAY EVEN PREVENT THEIR FAIR TRIAL. " THE STUNNING POINT ABOUT THE WATERGATE MORASS," THE PAPER CONTINUED, " IS NOT SO MUCH ANY SPECIFIC VIOLATIONS OF THE LAW -- DISMAYING THOUGH MANY OF THESE WERE -- BUT RATHER THE WHOLE WEB OF DECEPTION AND EXTRA- LEGAL BEHAVIOR PRACTICED AT THE HIGHEST LEVELS OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT. . . FAR MORE IMPORTANT FOR THE PUBLIC GOOD IS THAT THE FULL PANOPLY OF CYNICISM AND MORAL ROT BE EXPOSED TO VIEW; SUCH DISCLOSURE IS THE BEST INSURANCE AGAINST A REBIRTH OF THE WATERGATE MENTALITY EVER AGAIN IN AMERICAN POLITICAL HISTORY. . . SHAMEFUL CRIMES WERE COMMITTED

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IN THE ESPIONAGE OPERATIONS THAT SURFACED AT THE WATERGATE. BUT THE MOST AWESOME CRIME OF ALL WAS THE MONSTROUS ONE COMMITTED AGAINST THE PUBLIC TRUST; FOR THAT CRIME THE ACID PUNISHMENT IS NOT TO LANGUISH IN JAIL, IT IS TO CONFRONT THE TRUTH."

IN A COMPANION PIECE HEADED IRONICALLY " HE STOLE NO MONEY," THE TIMES ATTACKED FORMER ATTORNEY GENERAL MITCHELL . " MR. MITCHELL, OF COURSE, REMAINS INNOCENT OF ANY CRIME UNLESS AND UNTIL PROVED GUILTY IN COURT," IT COMMENTED. " BUT THERE IS NO NEED TO SUSPEND JUDGMENT AS TO THE MORALITY OF HIS CONDUCT. BY HIS OWN EARLIER ADMISSION, FOR EXAMPLE, MR. MITCHELL HAD ATTENDED MEETINGS WITHIN THE COMMITTEE FOR THE RE- ELECTION OF THE PRESIDENT AT WHICH PLANS FOR POLITICAL ESPIONAGE WERE DISCUSSED. YET, IN THE AFTERMATH OF THE WATER- GATE BREAK- IN HE DID NOT CONSIDER IT HIS DUTY, EITHER AS A LAW- ABIDING CITIZEN OR AS THE NATION' S FORMER CHIEF LEGAL OFFICER, TO COME FORWARD TO VOLUNTEER THAT TESTIMONY... .

" MR. MITCHELL' S PROTESTATION THAT HE HAS ' NEVER STOLEN ANY MONEY' WOULD BE MERELY PATHETIC, IF IT WERE NOT SO CLOSE TO THE HEART OF THIS ADMINISTRATION' S DANGEROUS MISCONCEPTION ABOUT THE MEANING OF ' LAW AND ORDER'. STEALING MONEY IS SEEN BY THE WHITE HOUSE INNER CIRCLE AS ESSENTIALLY A POOR MAN' S CRIME, TO BE COMBATTED WITH HARSH PENALTIES BY HARD- NOSED JUDGES. BUT NO SUCH RIGOROUS STANDARDS OF ' LAW AND ORDER' APPLY TO THE ABUSES OF GOVERNMENTAL POWER, THE GRANTING OF SPECIAL FAVORS TO THOSE WHO CONTRIBUTE TO THE PRESIDENT' S RE- ELECTION, OR THE UNCONSTITUTIONAL USE OF THE GOVERNMENT' S EAVESDROPPING APPARATUS."

FINALLY, THE TIMES RETURNED TO ITS THEME LAST WEEK OF THE INOPPORTUNE- NESS OF BREZHNEV' S VISIT TO THE UNITED STATES IN JUNE. " MR. BREZHNEV IS WELL AWARE THAT THE WISDOM OF HIS SCHEDULED VISIT TO THIS COUNTRY NEXT MONTH HAS BEEN QUESTIONED ," THE TIMES' EDITORIAL SAID, " AND THE PASSION FOR DETENTE IN HIS TELEVISED SPEECH YESTERDAY MAY HAVE BEEN MEASURABLY HEIGHTENED BY A DESIRE TO REDUCE OBJECTIONS TO HIS VISIT HERE.

" MR. BREZHNEV AND HIS COLLEAGUES MISREAD THE AMERICAN  
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SCENE, HOWEVER, IF THEY BELIEVE THAT THOSE WHO SUPPORT HIS SCHEDULED VISIT ARE FRIENDS OF DETENTE AND THOSE WHO QUESTION IT FOES. THIS IS SIMPLY NOT TRUE. APPARENTLY THOSE WHO VIEW THIS COUNTRY FROM THE KREMLIN HAVE STILL NOT GRASPED THAT A POLITICAL EARTHQUAKE IS TAKING PLACE IN THE UNITED STATES, THE FULL DIMENSIONS OF WHICH ARE STILL UNCLEAR. UNTIL AND UNLESS THE DARK SHADOW NEW ENVELOPING THE WHITE HOUSE HAS BEEN LIFTED, THE PRESIDENT' S ABILITY TO MAKE LASTING COMMITMENTS FOR THE UNITED STATES WILL BE SERIOUSLY WEAKENED."

SECRETARY ROGERS' DAY IN RIO WAS EVOKED ONLY IN A PARAGRAPH WHICH SAID HE CHEERED AND JUMPED TO HIS FEET DURING A SOCCER MATCH. HE DISCLOSED THAT HE HAD BEEN A

SOCCER GOALIE AT COLGATE. HE ALSO PLAYED GOLF AND SUNNED  
HIMSELF, THE TIMES REPORTED.  
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